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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed July 21, 2005, Applicants hereby elects to have examined Group I, indicated by the Examiner to be represented by Claims 1, 2 and 6 drawn to a pair of ladder-like structures having a hinge joint and a tunnel formed therebetween.

This election is made on partial traverse in that Group III, indicated by the Examiner to be represented by Claim 4 drawn to a method for fabricating a ladder-type device belongs with Group I. Applicants submit that together Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 present a single general inventive concept and that the various embodiments are not so diverse that distinct or extensive searching is required.

Applicant submits herewith a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT with amended claims drawn to the inventions in Groups I and III.

Respectfully Submitted,

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